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1. AT PRESS CONFERENCE JAN 4, COMMUNIST (AKEL) PARTY  
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SEC GEN EZEKIAS PAPAIOANNOU ANNOUNCED THAT THE PARTY  
WOULD WHOLEHEARTEDLY SUPPORT PRESIDENT SPYROS KYPRIANOU  
IN FEBRUARY PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION. HE SAID PARTY HAD  
TAKEN DECISION AFTER STUDYING KYPRIANOU'S POLICY  
STATEMENT (REFTEL), WHICH MET AKEL'S BASIC CONDITIONS  
FOR COOPERATION, BUT THE PARTY WOULD MAINTAIN ITS  
INDEPENDENCE AND INTEGRITY AND WOULD RETAIN THE RIGHT

TO PURSUE ITS OWN PROGRAMS. HE CALLED FOR AN ALL PARTY (POPULAR FRONT) CABINET TO INCLUDE AKEL AND "OTHER PARTIOTIC, DEMOCRATIC FORCES" BUT NOT CLERIDES' DEMOCRATIC RALLY.

2. IN QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION, PAPAIOANNOU MADE THESE ADDITIONAL POINTS:

--WITH REGARD TO KYPRIANOU'S WILLINGNESS TO ACCEPT ASSISTANCE FROM THE WEST IN FINDING A SOLUTION TO THE CYPRUS PROBLEM, "AKEL DOES NOT HARBOR ANY ILLUSIONS ABOUT THE ADVERSE ROLE OF THE AMERICAN, IMPERIALIST, NATO FACTOR. WE CANNOT RELY ON THOSE WHO RUINED CYPRUS. IF THE UNITED STATES HAD WANTED TO HELP CYPRUS, IT WOULD HAVE RESPONDED TO REPEATED PROPOSALS BY THE SOVIET UNIOR FOR JOINT ACTION."

--RELATIONS OF THE USSR WITH TURKEY DID NOT CONFLICT WITH SOVIET SUPPORT FOR CYPRUS.

-AKEL SUPPORTS A PROPORTIONAL REPRESENTATION SYSTEM IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES BUT DOES NOT FAVOR EARLY ELECTIONS FOR A NEW MEMBERSHIP SINCE ELECTIONS WERE HELD ONLY A YEAR AND A HALF AGO.

AKEL OPPOSED REPRESENTATION OF CLERIDES' DEMOCRATIC RALLY IN THE GOVERNMENT BECAUSE IT HARBORED PUTCHISTS, FAVORED ALIGNMENT WITH NATO, AND OPPOSED A PURGE.

--AKEL'S VOTING STRENGTH WAS MORE THAN FORTY PERCENT.

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